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Last Obstacle Removed and Yesterday the Envoys Affix Their Signatures.

Demands will be Presented to Li Hung Chang in a Few Days.

Troops Investigate Reported Troubles and Find All Quiet.

Pekin, Dec. 22.—The last obstacle having been removed, the joint note was signed to-day by all the foreign ministers, including the envoy from the Netherlands, who arrived only recently. The note will be delivered to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese plenipotentiaries, as soon as the former shall have recovered from his illness. The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe, despite the signing of the note, which they did not believe would take place, that the principal negotiations must take place in Europe or America. They resent the British modification of the note, for, as they say, some power or powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity has been paid in full, which would mean the occupation of Peking for an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China can raise what would be required all at once; as a matter of fact, it will take several years.

Li Hung Chang's condition is reported to-day to be so much improved that he was able to be out of bed for a short time.

The cavalry and infantry detachments which have been investigating the reported troubles near Ho Shi Wa have returned, and report that there is nothing to cause alarm. All the trouble, they say, is on the other side of the river, which the allies are not protecting. It was discovered that a party of Catholic Christians had started on an expedition, but its whereabouts is not known.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The following despatch from Field Marshal von Waldersee, dated Pekin, Friday, December 21, has been received here:

"A column despatched from Pao Ting Fu, commanded by Major Haine, engaged a force of Chinese regulars on December 15 at Yung Tsing Sien, 90 kilometers northeast of Pao Ting Fu. Our losses were one officer and two non-commissioned officers wounded. The Chinese losses were considerable. "A column was sent December 19 from Tien Tsin, commanded by Col. Gruber, to Yu Tien Hsien, 100 kilometers northwest of Tien Tsin."

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Address to Major Williams Read by Mr. Ian St. Clair.

At the closing exercises of the Girls' Central school Mr. Ian St. Clair read the following address to Major Ben Williams: Pemberton Gymnasium, Victoria, B. C., 21st Dec., 1900.

Major Williams, 5th Regiment C. A., Honorable Colonel First Girls' Battalion, Queen's Brigade.

Sir: On behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers and boys and girls of my commands, I have the honor to thank you for your great kindness in acting as inspection officer during the term.

I thoroughly appreciate the value of the time you have devoted and the interest you have displayed in the performance of these duties.

I congratulate you, sir, not only upon the manner in which you praised without giving rise to jealousy, and condemned without causing discouragement, but also upon the good effect you have produced by your public spiritedness.

It is an honor to us all—and a great pleasure besides to myself—to have you, the officer second in command of the 5th Regiment C. A. associated with us in our work. I am, sir, your most obedient servant.

I, ST. CLAIR, Physical Director Victoria Public Schools.

REMOVED FROM OFFICE. Governor Roosevelt Dismisses New York District Attorney.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Governor Roosevelt announced tonight that he had removed from office Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, district attorney of New York County, a Democrat, and had appointed Eugene J. Philbin of the state county bar, a Democrat, to fill the vacancy.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills. If they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

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UNLUCKY BOXER.

Young Man Dies of Injuries Received in a Contest.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Frank Barr, 19 years of age, died to-night in a hospital here, following a boxing contest at the Philadelphia Athletic Club. Joseph Kelly, who was Barr's opponent, and Frank Henderson, the referee, were arrested.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Family in Fort William Narrowly Escape Death From Deadly Fumes.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 22.—The family of Mr. Daniel Campbell, five in number, living on May street, were all overcome by coal gas last night, and two of them are in a critical condition as a result.

DEADLY TROLLEY.

Two Cars of Christmas Shoppers Come to Grief in Lebanon.

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 22.—Two trolley cars on the Lebanon street railway, crowded with Christmas shoppers, collided to-day between this city and Annville. A number of persons were injured, some seriously. An 18 months old baby was trampled on by the panicked passengers and is not expected to recover.

AS CANADIAN DELEGATE.

Sir Charles Tupper Will Be Asked to Accompany Premier to Australia.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Most of the ministers have left town to spend the Christmas holidays at home. Local merchants say that the Christmas trade is the best in many years. It is stated that the government undoubtedly will ask Sir Charles Tupper to accompany Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Australia as one of the Canadian delegates at the opening of the Commonwealth parliament.

Coal Fields Of Salt Spring.

Examination of the Coal Lands Made by Mr. Wm. Brewer.

Mining Engineer's Opinion of Property which is Being Developed.

W. M. Brewer, M. E., returned last evening from Salt Spring Island, where he has been making a cursory examination of the coal measures at present being prospected there. He states that the northern portion of that island is undoubtedly within the coal measures, its geological formation being one of sandstone shales and conglomerate.

He found an outcrop of coal on the west coast of Salt Spring, at Vesuvius Bay, about eight miles across the channel eastwardly from Ladysmith. This seam, which cropped out on the beach of Mr. Bittencourt's land, was about 18 inches thick, and from samples seen at the wharf, was of an excellent quality. Some years ago a shallow shaft had been sunk, probably about 20 feet, and a small quantity of coal taken out. The strike of this vein is about southwest and northeast, and its dip nearly vertical, the little incline being towards the north.

More recently a Vancouver syndicate had started to sink at a point about a mile inland and some 500 feet above sea-level. The point selected was nearly at the height of a ridge which runs about northerly, but a depth of 700 feet was reached before shales were met, and the drilling operations were suspended. A few days ago, however, a second attempt was undertaken; this time an experienced coal driller, Mr. W. Hamilton, who has just returned from the Quinsee, being in charge. After examining the land over which the syndicate's option extends, he fixed upon a point near Mr. J. P. Booth's wharf, and there the plant has been taken, but is not yet set up. The point selected is in one of Mr. Booth's fields, not far from one of the salt springs which gave their name to the island.

At this low level it was thought that the seam would be found by a shallower bore. Here, too, the measures approached more nearly to the horizontal, the dip being but about 30 degrees, and that towards the south. At the extreme northwest point of the island, coal again crops out, this time about 10 inches thick. From a cursory examination the measures appeared to be considerably faulted, dipping towards Galiano Island, similarly to those at Vesuvius Bay. Thus there is a big fault somewhere, but Mr. Brewer had not opportunity to examine it closely. Between Mr. Booth's and Vesuvius Bay a considerable ridge runs down from the north end of the island in a nearly southerly direction.

Around St. Mary's lake the shales are almost horizontal, and run so throughout what is called the Central Settlement until Ganges Harbor is reached, where once more they are almost vertical.

Mr. Brewer had no opportunity to examine the adjoining shore of Vancouver Island, but the area covered by these measures, so far as he could trace them, was one of about three by nine miles.

FRENCH SHORE TROUBLE.

Newfoundland Modus Vivendi Expires at the End of Present Month.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—On the last day of December the Anglo-French modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland treaty coast expires, and this, it is expected, will create serious complications between the two nations. The Newfoundland legislature will consent to renew the present arrangements, in which case grave friction will ensue, unless Great Britain makes another agreement with the French. The colony's position, however, is so strong with the British public that such arrangement must be decidedly favorable to the colony.

Dewet For A Present.

What the Average Briton Would Like Santa Claus to Bring.

Nicaragua Canal Still Fails to Arouse Deep Interest in London.

School Board Disturbed Over Legal Decision Against Classes for Adults.

London, Dec. 22.—General Dewet would be far the most acceptable Christmas box to the average Englishman, though there seems little likelihood of the wish being granted. The desire for the suppression of this Boer leader, however, is accompanied by generous admiration.

"It would be unworthy of the British name," says the Times, "to refuse the credit that is due to a feat of arms so brilliant as the unexpected dash backward of Dewet and his men through the British lines."

Other papers take the same view, comparing the ride to Springham's Nek with the charge at Balaklava. In fact the admiration for the extraordinary daring displayed by the Boers on this occasion predominates. Reverses have become the expected. Last Christmas society almost went crazy over plum puddings and chocolate hampers sent to the soldiers on the field; this year they are not mentioned. In fact, the public is unutterably weary of the long drawn out struggle, whose only interesting features are the sensational successes of Dewet. This in no way affects the government, whose determination to fight it out to the bitter end is evident from its decision to reinforce the already huge army in South Africa. Several members of the cabinet, however, would be heartily grateful were the Boer leaders to sue for peace.

The Nicaragua canal still fails to arouse any really deep interest here, as it is thoroughly understood that Great Britain will take no action in the near future, and the Chinese negotiations are regarded as more in the light of a monotonous farce than a serious problem, thanks to the absurd misunderstandings which have arisen between the powers themselves. The only quarter in London where the performance is thoroughly enjoyed is at the Chinese legation, in which Sir Chi Chen Lo Feng Lai, the minister of China, is reported to be in a state of perpetual chuckle over the attitude of Christendom. The announcement that the Netherlands does not consider itself bound by the Paris-Venezuela commission decision, and is guarding the Anglo-Dutch frontier, is not regarded by the foreign office as being of any importance or as likely to form the basis for international friction. The Dutch boundary is a comparatively minor matter, on which the colonial office has been engaged for some time. The Netherlands ministers' action is regarded as a step to ward off a contingency which, however, Great Britain has not contemplated.

The decision of the court of Queen's bench, declaring it to be illegal for the London school board to spend the ratepayers' money for teaching science and art at evening classes for adults, has created perturbation. Some 90,000 pupils are affected, and the whole of London's educational system must be reversed if the House of Lords upholds the verdict. The Speaker declares it is the most serious disaster which has befallen education for some time. Columns of comment appear on the subject in the dailies. Other large cities are seriously concerned, as they all have classes similar to those in London. The head masters of expensive schools appear to approve of the decision, maintaining that the school board is endangering the existence of the secondary schools.

New Minister In Manitoba.

Robert Rogers has Received the Portfolio of Public Works.

Special to the Colonist.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Mr. Robert Rogers, M. P., has been given a portfolio in the Manitoba cabinet, making five members in the provincial government with portfolios. Mr. D. H. McFadden has given place to Mr. Rogers, who was sworn in yesterday as minister of public works. Mr. McFadden becomes provincial secretary and municipal commissioner.

A by-election in Manitoba will be necessary in consequence of the change in the cabinet. The writ has been issued, fixing December 31 for nomination, and election the following Monday.

Frank Lane, a Swan river settler, was drowned in Cedar lake while trapping. He had been missing several weeks. His parents reside at Komoka, Ont.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 22.—Henry Corby, M. P. (Con.), in a letter published this evening announces that in consequence of ill-health he will retire from political life, and will place his resignation in the hands of the Speaker as soon as the house has been organized. Corby has represented West Hastings since 1888.

GOLF IN ENGLAND.

Nichols of Boston, Beaten by James "Braid." London, Dec. 22.—In a 36-hole golf match on the Romford links today, Jas. Braid beat Bernard Nichols of Boston, Mass., by nine up and seven to play. The contest was spoiled by a prevailing fog, but Nichols, who was strange to the course, did not show to advantage. He was seven down on the first round, and the home man completed the first round with the score of 77.



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sult the Night Editor.

NORTHERN TRADE.

In a brief letter printed this morning,
Mr. D. W. Higgins directs attention to
the importance of putting forth an effort
to enlarge and improve the trade which
Victoria does with the Klondike. In
using the word "Klondike" Mr. Higgins
doubtless means the whole northern
gold fields, whereof, we are glad to be
able to believe, Klondike will only prove
to be a part, and by no means the most
important part. The question is one
which the Colonist has felt to be of ex-
treme interest, but in the discussion of
it we have been held back to some ex-
tent by the consideration that the estab-
lishment of better transportation facilities
is something calling for the invest-
ment of private capital, and we do not
like to undertake to tell people what
they should do with their own money.
If a question of public bonus, either
from the cities interested or the govern-
ment, were involved, we would feel free
to argue for it, but as this is not the
case, the only thing to do seemed to be
to point out the exigencies of the situa-
tion, in the hope that people in the trans-
portation business would act accord-
ingly.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Association
of Vancouver, held a few days ago,
Mr. George McL. Brown, Executive
Agent of the C. P. R., said his company
would not be satisfied until Vancouver
had a better steamer service to the
North than any other city on the Coast,
and that they would not be content with
such connections as the Amur, Islander
and Danube could give. They wanted
another steamer as good as the Islander.
He added that the C. P. R. is not tied
down to any one company, and that it
had other schemes under consideration.

We are sure that all the people of Vic-
toria would like to see the C. P. R.
Company maintain its present supremacy
in the Canadian carrying trade to the
North. The fashion is to criticize that
company, but it is an institution that
has done this city much good in the past,
and will prove of benefit in the future.
Its northern service has not been what
is needed, so far as passenger traffic is
concerned; but the managers know this
as well as any one else. They know
better than any one else what the handi-
caps are against which a British Colum-
bia navigation company has to contend
in competition with vessels flying the
United States flag. One of these is the
fact that they cannot do any of the busi-
nesses that the Sound ports and Alaska,
which of itself is sufficient to
give the American boats an advantage.
On the other hand, as the terminus of
the steamship run is in the possession of
the United States, American ships can
carry Canadian business. We mention
this not only to show that we appreciate
the position of the C. P. R., but to lead
others to understand what that company
has to contend against.

While these things are so, the state-
ment of them by no means disposes of
the case. The northern trade will
grow, and we want Victoria's share to
keep pace with that growth. The ex-
tension of the railway to the north end
of the Island and a fast line of steamers
in connection therewith will solve the
problem better than anything else. The
saving in time and the greater degree
of comfort afforded by such a route
would attract such a great proportion
of passenger travel, that, in the opinion of
experts in transportation business, the
passenger business done by the Sound
steamers would be practically wiped out.
This would revolutionize the whole sub-
ject of northern transportation.

Our answer to the question, "What
shall be done to secure for the future
our due share of the northern business?"
is, "Rush through the line to the north
end of this Island with the least possible
delay." For this purpose liberal sub-
sidies ought to be granted both by the
Province and the Dominion, but they
should be conditional upon the establish-

ment and maintenance of a modern line
of steamers connecting with the railway
and having a speed of, say, 20 miles an
hour. Such steamers would make the
trip from Port Hardy Bay to Skagway
in 33 hours, and perhaps if they took
the direct course up through Hecate
Strait to the lower end of Prince of
Wales Island, they could reduce the
time somewhat. A steamer of such
speed could make two trips each way a
week. We know that to operate it
would cost something, but we also know
that unless the indications for the future
are going to prove barren, the volume of
business, which will be developed with
the North during the next few years,
will be enormous.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

There is food for thought in the fact
that the close of the Nineteenth Century
sees the world girdled with Christmas
festivities as it has never been at any
time in its history. Whatever may be
our idea of the event which transpired in
Bethlehem of Judea, some nineteen hun-
dred years ago, we must stand in awe
before the amazing fact just mentioned.
People have grown very fond in the
course of the last half century of what
they call philosophy. Specially are they
proud of their doctrine of cause and ef-
fect. We have in these Christmas festi-
vities an effect. What is the cause?
Science with its dissecting knife, its mi-
croscope, its test tubes, its telescopes and
its balances, has been picking Nature to
pieces, and on half a dozen occasions dur-
ing the lifetime of men of middle age it
has been on the point, so we have been
told, of overturning and casting down to
oblivion all that makes a basis for the
Christmas festival. Yet the lustre of the
day is as great as ever, and its founda-
tions seem to have become more deeply
imbedded in the human heart. Apply the
test of your philosophy to this, and see
what conclusions it will bring you to.

Many of us can remember when a vig-
orous onslaught was made upon that
great and wonderful person, known as
Santa Claus. Why, it is a fact that a
very prominent children's publication,
perhaps the most prominent in America,
refused Christmas stories and verses in
which this personage was mentioned, the
reason given being that it was not consid-
ered desirable to perpetuate what the wise
editor was pleased to call a myth, and
other scarcely less prominent children's
periodicals followed its example. How
completely these wise incumbents of ed-
itorial chairs reckoned without their hosts
may be judged from the fact that almost
all periodical literature is today ablaze
with pictures of the old man with his
bundle of toys, and Christmas poetry who
is as welcome in the sanctuaries as flowers
in May. What does it all mean?

There is no effect without a cause, say
the wise men whose books weigh down
the library shelves, heavy with guesses
at truth. Get out your dissecting knives,
your microscopes, your test tubes, your
telescopes and your balances. O ye men
of Science with the biggest kind of an S!
and find the cause of this thing. When
you have searched until you are tired,
throw all your appliances aside and seek
an answer from the heart of a little
child. You have learned how to cut the
light from distant nebulae into fragments
and tell them what star dust is made of;
but in all your laboratories and work-
shops you have nothing which tells you
of Love. "As the wind bloweth
where it listeth and you cannot tell
whence it cometh or whither it goeth, so
is every one that is born of the Spirit,"
and to be born of the Spirit is to have
Love animate your whole life.

And this is the secret of Christmas—
this is the cause of the wonderful effect
just spoken of. For the world is growing
better. It is becoming more Christ-like.
The process may be slow, but all the
processes of the Creator are slow. Geol-
ogists count by millions the years needed
to make a world fit for the habitation
of man. Ought we to be surprised if a
few thousand years are necessary to fit
it for the reign of the Prince of Peace?

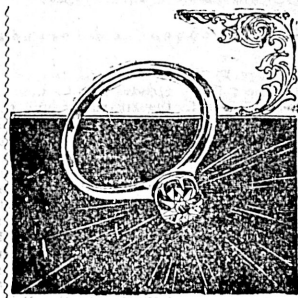
The world is growing better. Nations
still fight, because moral force is not yet
strong enough to take the place of phys-
ical force; but war is conducted on more
humane methods than ever before. Pov-
erty still exists, but the general standard
of living is being elevated. Vice is still
only too familiar, but it is from year to
year losing its apparent respectability.
Agencies working for the betterment of
men are being multiplied. Social stand-
ards are higher. Life, liberty and prop-
erty are far safer than ever before in his-
tory. Traffic in human flesh is almost at
an end everywhere, and last, but by no
means least, woman's place in the social
scale is vastly improved. Progress in
these directions may reasonably be ex-
pected to be more rapid in the future.
Great as has been the advance during the
last fifty years it will appear small by
comparison with what the next half cen-
tury will bring forth.

Speaking of men individually, each
Christmas ought to see them better than
the last. The festival has been badly
spent if it does not make us feel more
kindly for the time at least, towards our
fellows. It is pre-eminently the season of
good will. In these practical days no
angel chorus may salute our ears with a
song, but, if we choose, our lives may be
vocal with an anthem of "Glory to God in
the Highest and on earth Peace, good
will to men." If they are not, the fault
is our own. We should at once attain
our lives aright, and the keynote is Love
—the fulfilling of law, the greatest force
in the Universe of God, the lesson of
Christmaside.

THE BUFFALO EXPOSITION.

A correspondent, whose name we
would like to have printed in recognition
of his forethought in directing attention
to an important matter, writes us a let-
ter, printed today, in regard to the forth-
coming Pan-American Exposition to be
held at Buffalo, New York, next year.

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ness man in Victoria, is that the South
and Central American republics will be
represented at this exposition, the particu-
lar object of which is to develop inter-
course between the northern and the
southern halves of the Western Conti-
nent. British Columbia produces many
things for which there is a market in the
South, and we ought not to allow the op-
portunity afforded by the Buffalo Expo-
sition to slip by unimproved.

Our correspondent thinks that the busi-
ness men of the city should get together
and decide upon some line of action to be
taken so that under any circumstances
this province and especially this city and
Island, shall be well represented. We
understand the intention of the Dominion
government to be to make an appropriation
for a Canadian exhibit, but our own
province has so much to gain from the
building up of trade with the country
to the south, that a special effort ought
to be put forth with that object. We are
obliged to our correspondent for calling
attention to the matter.

The Nova Scotia election protests ap-
pear to have died a' bornin'.

The Times presented its readers with
an attractive Christmas supplement last
evening. Evidences of newspaper pros-
perity are always welcomed by news-
paper men.

"Settler" writes a letter from Log Cab-
in. We cannot print a letter of such a
vague nature. Neither can we print a
statement accusing a corporation of an
unlawful act unless we know something
of the facts.

Now that the amendments made by
the United States Senate to the Hay-
Pauwefote treaty have been completed,
it is well to suspend judgment upon
them until they have been threshed out
at London. We have an impression
that a conclusion will be reached which
will satisfy both countries.

The paragraph in yesterday's Colonist
in regard to the rescue of the Alpha's
crew was written before the full story
of Anderson's heroism was told. This
is now at hand, and it shows that gal-
lant fellow to have distinguished himself
in an especial degree. No one will deny
him the right to the first place among
the gallant men who acted so well on
that trying occasion.

The opinion formed by the Chinese of
their European allies in China is not
complimentary. The Americans, Ger-
mans and British are said to be the best
and to rank in that order, the British
being given somewhat to petty pilfering.
As for the Russians, they are simply the
worst type of barbarians, and the
French are not far behind.

money can produce; and here we wish you
to understand that we do not lower the
high standard our schools enjoy for the
purpose of competing with so-called cheap
barber schools, as our institutions are con-
ducted upon a plan and system which conduce
to the success of our students.

Our schools are located upon the principal
streets in the cities where we are estab-
lished; not on some back street, in a neigh-
borhood where only tramps reside, but on re-
spected business streets, where business
men are plentiful. "If you ask for mince
you can't catch whales," consequently
clean, desirable men, who can pay for their
barber work, will not be seen on cheap
streets and in schools where work is done
free; for only the lower order of humanity,
thieves and tagalogs of mortality patronize
them.

Our schools are elegantly equipped with
the latest devices in barber furniture, and
each student has all the paraphernalia to
work with that is found in a first class bar-
ber shop; new revolving barber chairs, large
French plates, mirrors, improved razors,
fancy bottles of shaving cream, toilet
fumes, etc., etc. The school also furnishes
clean towels, aprons, etc.

We are the only system of schools where
every customer upon whom our students
practice, pays for his work; this is very
important, because student will learn more
in one week practising upon clean men who
pay for their work, than he would in a
month working over some foul, unclean,
whiskey, onion breath. Our customers de-
mand good work, but a tramp who pays
nothing for his work, is satisfied with any
thing, consequently the standard of the
student's work is very much affected.

Our grading system is indeed a noble fea-
ture and has proven a triumphant success
beyond all possible conjecture. We have
five different departments, namely A, B, C,
D, E. You will see by the rate card en-
closed, the prices we charge our customers
for work, which is done by our students.
The student starts in department E, and
finally graduates in department A. So popu-
lar has our graduating department be-
come that we generally have several old
experienced barbers working, and the stu-
dents have the invaluable opportunity of
working with, and learning from, experienced
barbers, a great advantage, indeed. There is a great
incentive for the students to do excellent
work, so as to be promoted to a higher de-
partment, as fast as possible. The tools
that we give are the very best that can be
obtained. We have only one grade. The
best are indispensable to experienced bar-
bers, consequently, it is necessary for begin-
ners likewise to have the best.

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taurants and cafes to give good,
wholesome board for from \$2.25 to
\$3.00 per week. The gentlemen
students may purchase a cot and room in
the school building, free of expense, most
of the students do this, as it makes a saving
of upwards of \$20 to \$25. Our regular stu-
dents are those who take the full three
months' course, tuition \$50, and they will
be given a nice set of barber tools free,
also, we will pay their railway fare from
their home to our nearest school. Our spe-
cial students are those who have worked at
the trade before, and only want practice;
to such we have arranged a six weeks'
course for \$25 but we give no tools, and
pay no car fare in this course. Our gradu-
ates are in demand everywhere, and most
of the students earn enough by working
part of the week, day and evening, to more
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By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 15.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

Sunday, Dec. 23.		Monday, Dec. 24.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
5:40 a.m.	9.8 feet.	5:20 p.m.	10.0 feet.
9:00 a.m.	8.6 feet.	9:10 p.m.	8.4 feet.
1:10 p.m.	10.0 feet.	2:15 p.m.	9.5 feet.
9:00 p.m.	11 feet.	9:45 p.m.	1.2 feet.

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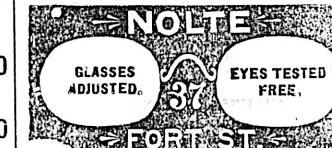
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PEMBERTON & SON. 45 FORT STREET.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 22.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.
The barometer continues low over the Vancouver Island Coast, affected apparently by the approach of another disturbance, which has caused today a reversion of the winds to their recent easterly direction. The high area is centred to the southwest over Nevada and Utah. Light rain has fallen in western Oregon and Washington, and temperatures generally have been lower. The weather in the Northwest Territories has been fair and moderately cold. The barometer is rising again and the great storm area has passed to the northwest of the Great Lakes.

TEMPERATURE.	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	46
New Westminster	34	42
Kamloops	26	34
Barkerville	8	24
Calgary	30	36
Winnipeg	26	36
Portland, Ore.	34	42
San Francisco	48	56

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Sunday:
Victoria and vicinity: Moderate or fresh easterly and southerly winds; partly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain. Lower Mainland: Light winds from east or south, higher on Straits of Georgia; mostly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
5 a.m.	42	Mean	42
11 a.m.	43	Highest	46
5 p.m.	45	Lowest	39

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

Hour	Direction	Force
5 a.m.	12 miles southeast.	
11 a.m.	10 miles east.	
5 p.m.	8 miles east.	

Average state of weather—unsettled.
Rain—0.2 inch.
Sunshine—1 hour.
Barometer at noon—Observed, 29.982; Corrected, 30.010.
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected, 30.006.

SOLDIERS IN CAMP.
Ex-Sergeant William Johnston, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, writes: "It is impossible for me to speak too highly of Dr. Chase's Ointment for Eczema or itching skin disease. It is simply invaluable. Many of our men used it while in camp and received the most beneficial results. The Canadian Contingents took 1,000 boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment with them to South Africa to relieve the sufferings of campaigning life."

Successful Candidates.

Those who Passed Normal School Exams at Victoria, Vancouver & Kamloops.

Returns Have Not Yet Been Received from Nelson Examiners.

The names of those candidates who were successful in passing the examination for entrance to the Normal school on the 17th and 18th instants, at Victoria, Vancouver and Kamloops are now known. The returns from Nelson have not as yet been received by the education department, owing to the failure of the train to connect with the boat on Friday afternoon. The names under the several stations are arranged in order of merit. In this connection it might also be interesting to note that the two candidates from Kamloops have made higher marks than any of the candidates at either Victoria or Vancouver, Miss Bell leading the province in this respect.

The Normal school will open in the High school building in Vancouver on Wednesday, January 9, at 9:30 o'clock. The successful candidates are:

Kamloops—Ettie L. Bell, Mable Beattie.
Victoria—Leonard F. Spragge, Laura E. Simpson, Fannie M. Strachan, Eleanor C. Lott, Marion E. Camp, Colina Black, Mabel R. Clarke, Mabel Holt, Ethel Robertson, Lena Sexsmith, Louisa J. Carter, A. Dora Crawford, Florence U. Nicholles.
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Throughout all classes of trade a great day's business was reported. Even in many of the staples large quantities were disposed of, and merchant after merchant voluntarily traced much of their increased business to judicious advertising in the columns of the Colonist. But the great bulk of the business was in the seasonable novelties of the Christmas trade. The filling of the children's stockings and the thousands of presents that mark the day with so many of its pleasures, was a foremost thought in the minds of most of the purchasers. And on the whole the purchases were of a quality and price considerably in advance of those of previous years.

At the great dry goods emporiums the trade has been a huge one. Gloves, lace handkerchiefs and neckwear have been in great demand. Hand-made lace goods have never sold so well here before, their fairy traceries in Maltese, Honiton and other kinds, together with the Renaissance, which has so particularly marked this year's offerings, meeting with ready sales, and that too in the higher qualities, whose prices range aloft. Cushion covers of many designs and colors, and fancy tea cosies, and cushions, have been much sought after, as well as the pretty silk waists and other creations that have made the windows of the shops so attractive to the passer by.

Amongst the new features of this trade has been the Santa Claus, Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and other mimic efforts whose sights and presents have filled so many little hearts with dreams of Santa's Land.

At the stationery shops a similar liberal patronage has been enjoyed. Cards and calendars have not yet gone out of fashion, and the sales of the latter in particular have been exceptionally numerous. Books too, are still looked upon as excellent presents and fine editions of the standard authors together with the more modern publications have been largely bought.

The season has been marked, too, with a big run at the art stores. A great deal of framing has been required, especially in oak, and pictures and engravings and mirrors and medallions are in good demand. A good many sales are reported, too, in the paintings of local scenery, the watercolors from the brushes of Miss Woodward, Miss Newton, Miss Kitts and S. and Mrs. Macleure, and the oils of Messrs. Bell-Smith and Mower Martin have been much sought for.

As usual, too, the ladies have been visiting the tobacconist establishments, and at many of these it was learned that the honey jokes so long indulged in at their inexperience in purchasing a box of cigars for hubby are having their effect, and a much better class of smokers are now required by these fair buyers. Of fancy pipes, too, BBB and all the B's that mark good briars have been sold in good demand as well as the silver and gun-metal goods that form so attractive a portion of the smoker's sundries.

Knives for Johnnie and razor for the bigger brother have also been extensively sold, while at the cutlery shops it is learned that carvers and other highly prized presents have also been largely purchased.

The displays of Christmas beef have been attracting a good deal of attention,

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and here the various shops have been close rivals one with another. The motto this year has formed a very attractive part of these exhibits, while from giant ox quarters to sucking pigs all speak eloquently of good feeding and butchery. From the various managers it was learned that while purchases are yet made in Ontario, Washington and Oregon, a much greater proportion of their supplies are this year being supplied by the local ranchers.

Amongst the most favorable reports are those received from the grocers. Fruit of all sorts, fresh candied and dry, have been in constant demand, as well as all other of their fancy and stylish lines. Lack of space prevents a resume of every business, but it speaks well of the popularity of the city that such large sales have been made, to which, doubtless a great deal more will be added tomorrow.

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The Luck Horseshoe.

By J. L.

"Why have you hung that shoe up there on that side of the hall?" said my friend Dora Wray, who had come in to help me with our Christmas decorations. "You should hang it over the door if you want it to bring you luck."

"Now that accounts for the luck we have just missed so many times," said I. "Dear me! I must alter it at once and put it in the authentic place, or goodness knows what piece of fortune may next pass us by."

So I got a hammer and nails and mounted the steps to hang it over the door, but finding I could not put it on the ledge without it being hidden, a happy thought struck me I would suspend it where it could be seen and yet not catch the door when being opened.

We certainly had not been very lucky of late. Father was one of those clever and sanguine men who was always going to make a fortune in some wonderfully new venture, but which so far was still in the "about to be" stage. I am sure of the dear man had only gone slowly and steadily on from the first in the original business he had been brought up to and left other side-issues alone we should have been much better off and he in a more secure position, but he never had been satisfied to let well enough alone, and if he made a good deal of profit at any time and dear mother and we girls thought that surely he would begin to put by for a rainy day, he would come home full of some marvellous new patent or process that he was going to take up or float and the last estate of that man was worse than the first.

Mother said that this unsatisfactory state of things had been going on all her married life and now that we were quite, indeed, more than grown up, she was beginning to feel anxious about our future, as so far as she could make out no provision had been made for any of us. Father was a very good tempered, amiable man and we all loved him dearly, but the only thing that seemed to rile him was when mother began talking about putting by for a rainy day or "the dear girls' future," this vexed subject seemed to rattle him very much and one day mother had gone so far as to suggest that we girls should go in for doing something ourselves, but father took this as such a personal insult and want of confidence in his powers and prudence that the subject was left severely alone. Yet for all that mother had no idea whether father was insured or not and anyway if he was she felt sure that the policy belonged to some of the numerous companies or individuals with whom he had been connected when he was going to make those fortunes which somehow never arrived.

Our family consisted of father, mother and three daughters, Molly, Isabel and I. I was the eldest, Molly next, and Isabel our youngest and fairest, and though none of us were out and out beauties, yet I may say without any conceit that we were good looking. English girls who had a sensible bringing up, a good education and were possessed of healthy bodies and wholesome appetites. We were fond of our home and making it comfortable and pretty, and of our parents and each other, but for all that would have loved a home of our own and a dear man of our own to put in it. Yet must it be confessed! that although I had passed my twenty-fifth birthday, none of us were engaged nor had a lover.

When we discussed this astounding fact before dear mother, she would beam on all of us and say she could not tell what the men were thinking about and that it would have been so different if we had had a brother. As for father, it never occurred to him that we were grown up or anything but children still, or if it did I am sure that in his wildest dreams he never imagined that he could have daughters who thought of such a thing as marriage. Other girls in the village younger than us and no better looking, and mother would say not half so clever and domesticated, (with a great emphasis on the latter qualification as though it were a very rare adjunct of the former) had lovers and married well and here we were going to be left "the three old maids of Lee," unless something happened, and that seemed a very unlikely thing. Molly was the merry and witty one of the family to turn our luck.

One day soon after Christmas, when Susan, our domestic maid, was out, there came a knock at the door which I answered and found a very pleasant looking young man enquiring if our house was Mrs. Thomas' and could he see her. As that was mother's name I asked him in. When he shut the door, he cut his forehead and then on his foot. Oh miserable me, what had I done and why could I not have left that silly remnant of ignorance and superstition where it was!

In my confusion I ran for a towel and sponge. When I returned he had his handkerchief up to his head, it was pretty good, "he" assured me it was all right, "only a slight scratch," etc. I asked him into the drawing room and explained as best I could to mother what had happened. Mother drew our most comfortable chair up to the fire and got a soft cushion and asked our visitor to lean his head back and she would get some lotion that she had and make it easy for him, meanwhile I was despatched to bring in the tea, etc., glad I was to get away for I was feeling most uncomfortable.

When I returned I learnt that our visitor's name was Mr. Reynolds and that he had been directed to our house by the station master, but that he should really have gone to a Mrs. Thompson's who had a young man boarding with her, a friend of Mr. Reynolds, and he having got an appointment in the neighboring town was coming to share his rooms. Mother had explained and apologized about the horse shoe, though he had rather a ugly lump on his forehead, but looking quite happy, and in a very short time seemed to be getting along as though we had known each other for some time instead of only just having been introduced and that in such a tragic manner.

"What a cosy room this is!" he remarked to mother. "do you know I quite dread going into lodgings, I have always

lived at home till now and I am afraid I shall miss it very much I am such a home-bird."

This remark pleased mother and she told him he must come again and let us know how he was getting on and I chimed in that he would never with a better reception in future, so he went off to find Mrs. Thompson's, looking really quite sorry to go.

We did not hear anything more of him for some time when one day father announced that he had met Mr. Reynolds in the train and that he was going to call that evening. When he came I was glad to see that the unlucky shoe had left no mark upon his noble brow and he asked me what I had done with it. I told him I had put it away altogether, and he said if I really did not want it he should like to have it. Of course I was rather glad to get rid of the thing, only I wondered what they would do with it.

Father seemed quite to take to Mr. Reynolds, although he had taken a great fancy to mother, and father said he might be jealous if he were that way inclined, that was if he had not known mother all our lives.

We found our new visitor a very interesting and agreeable young man and he became a more and more frequent guest, dropping in on an evening to join us in a rubber, or as he had a good voice and sang well he seemed pleased for me to play his accompaniments.

Molly was fond of chess, I never could take to it. Molly said it required special intellectual gifts which I am afraid I lacked, but she and father paired off for chess, Mr. Reynolds and I revelled at the piano and mother and Isabel were quite happy over some new fancy work and listening to us in the interval. From solos we got to duets and we found our voices went nicely together—at least I fancied so.

One night when father and Molly were out at a lecture and mother and Isabel were seen to enter in the dining room I had just been singing "Oh, the clang of the wooden shoon," when Mr. Reynolds began humming the refrain and then quite unexpectedly like said "Oh, but Katie it is nothing to the fall of the iron shoe, for I should never have known you but for that lucky event." Lucky indeed! then would you believe it, before I knew he took hold of my hand and told me ever since I had spoken of the shoe he had loved me! Well, who would have thought that after all that shoe did bring me luck, for I did not take long in finding out that I was specially interested in "Frank" (that is what I call him now) since that time and that then love him and that he was worthy of my devotion.

Mother was very pleased when we told her. She, too, liked Frank. When father was consulted, he said, "Why, bless me Katie is far too young to think of marrying yet," and I twenty-five, the dear simple-minded man! We shall be girls to him when we are fifty! but on the whole he is very pleased, and having satisfied himself that Frank is in a sound advancing position he is quite easy on that score.

Frank brings his friend along with him now, his name is Arthur, he is fond of chess and is nearly as nice as Frank; Molly says more so, as he makes himself more generally agreeable, but for the life of me I cannot see it.

A FALLACY.

Spendthrift Expenditure by Millionaires Not Good for Society.

One fallacy in relation to their wealth seems to obtain among the millionaires as well as among the millions, one that was exposed by Adam Smith in the very year in which we started upon our national life, namely, that spendthrift expenditure is a good thing for society. Despite the fact that every great economist since his day has demonstrated the contrary, it is a fallacy that has not yet been rooted out of the minds of a large majority of even the educated. Indeed, it might be called the pons asinorum of economics. There are so few even of college bred men who have ever given themselves the trouble to understand the subject in the abstract, and of those few some are constantly stating propositions that are altogether inconsistent. If Adam Smith, when he first exposed the fallacy of this belief, a century and a quarter ago, implied a responsibility on the part of the capitalist to expend money in ways that would be most beneficial to society, or at least in ways that were not harmful to it, that responsibility must be much heavier to-day, with capital so enormously increased and concentrated. It is surprising, too, that the question of expenditure of the rich should have suddenly become a more important one in the minds of the world. When Adam Smith wrote we were a hard-working community of clearing forests and killing Indians; a serious question with us then it is with any shores probably as magnificent as that of while to-day palaces have arisen on our Diocletian at Spalato, and a scale of unproductive expenditure has been initiated, with racing stables, ocean-going yachts, etc., that are not possibly have been equalled by the expenditure even of Maecenas. It is this that justifies a reassertion of some of the axioms of economics in regard to it.

When the millions, as well as the millionaires, thoroughly understand that absurd and vulgar expenditure, impeding social progress and checks the production, when they are fully aware that there is no economical justification for the present vast, unproductive expenditure, then public opinion will compel the "multis" to expend their fortunes in ways that will be more in accordance with simple and good taste. The vulgarities of wasteful wealth will be all the clearer when the effect upon the public wealth is understood, and no sound public opinion on the subject can be formed until the public understands the purely economic side of the question—Truxton Beale, in the December Forum.

Lady—I want a dog that will look terribly decreed, but won't ever bite. Dealer (meditatively)—I guess you'd better get an iron one, mum.—New York Weekly.

Fair Helen—I hear you have a secret. Fair Grace—Well, I did have one, but it wouldn't keep.—Scripps Herald.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CHRISTMAS.

London, Dec. 6.—Queen Victoria's Christmas this year will be spent at Osborne unless something unforeseen should prevent.

Parts of the present palace were standing when the Queen and Prince Consort bought the property from a private family. The place at once became the particular hobby of the Prince Consort, who personally supervised the enlargement of the buildings and the improvement of the grounds. He bought more land, until the estate now covers 30,000 acres, and whenever he could run away from the cares of the position which he himself described as that of "permanent private secretary to the Queen," he used to putter about at Osborne, where he spent his happiest days.

SHE IS STRICTLY SECLUDED.

Osborne is a secluded, comfortable, rambling place, from which the public is barred. The Queen never did like to be stared at, but she comes to London oc-

as money to the value of a present. So she takes pains that each gift shall be suited especially to the recipient. First come the Queen's fifty-one children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, every individual one of whom, for some reason or another, the Queen takes a special interest. As a rule the presents are rather simple and homely and not necessarily expensive.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS TREES.

The week before Christmas is usually a busy time for the princesses, to whom under the presiding genius of Princess Beatrice, is confided the task of decorating the house with bolly and mistletoe brought down from Windsor. The Queen raises her own Christmas trees at Windsor, and they are trained and trimmed with particular care. The biggest of these trees is set up in the Osborne banqueting hall and loaded with presents for the school children of Whippingham church, thanks to some old custom which has managed to get itself preserved. The Queen herself used to distribute the presents, but has surrendered this task to

stepsons have to be carried around with her wherever she goes, like her bed and some of her pictures. When she went over to Ireland last spring more than 300 tin-lined copper saucepans had to be imported to the vice-regal lodge because the kitchen furniture ordinarily in use there was not of a pattern favored by Her Majesty.

WHISKY FOR HER MAJESTY.

No doubt champagne figures at the Queen's Christmas dinner, but the chances are that Her Majesty will not touch a drop of it. She has confined herself of late to a single glass of Scotch whisky, mixed with filtered water, and sometimes, if the meal were heavy, a thimbleful of ancient liqueur, Scotch to follow as a cordial. Incidentally, Christmas dinners probably have no great fascination for the Prince of Wales either. He has been what they call a high liver in his day, and to pay for it he has to be rather careful now, and thin white wines are usually the strongest beverages in which he indulges.

It has been a long time since any visitor has been present at the Queen's



casually for that purpose because she considers it her duty. She is often seen at Windsor, and Balmoral, too, but when she gets to Osborne she breathes a sigh of relief. Even the townsfolk around the palace refrain from assembling along the route when she takes her daily drive, and the tourist could get through the eye of a needle easier than he could get past the Osborne gate keepers.

He wouldn't find much to see, anyway, for Osborne is not imposing either outside or in. It has some good statuary, but the most of the pictures that line the walls are the handiwork of the Queen's own family, and some thirty or forty water colors by her own hand. Most of them commemorate scenes visited with the ever lamented Prince Consort, and are cherished for that reason. A ribald public might undertake to criticize them as works of art, but it will never get the chance while the Queen lives. That is one reason why she is fond of Osborne; she can have around her there the things she really enjoys without being bothered with other people's standards of criticism.

So you can see that Osborne would be just the place in which to celebrate a good, old-fashioned family Christmas, in which the Queen figures more as grandma and great-grandma to troops of lusty children than as sovereign of the realm. Politics and cabinet ministers are excluded rigorously, and only members of the Queen's own family are guests at Osborne during Christmas week.

QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The Christmas shopping at Osborne is usually the earliest feature of the festival. The Queen does not exactly go shopping; the shops come to her. The lucky dealers who by royal warrant are entitled to describe themselves as "Purveyors to Her Majesty" send samples of their choicest wares to the palace, and for a week after the middle of December the Queen and Princess Beatrice, and any other princesses that happen to be handy, are busy selecting presents. These are not bought in job lots by any means, for it is a pet theory of the Queen that thought contributes as much

to the princesses, although she usually comes in to see the fun. It is at the dinner on Christmas Eve that the celebrated baron of beef is placed on the sideboard. It must be taken from the Queen's own oxen, and the roasting always has to be done at Windsor, for the kitchen at Osborne has no appliances big enough. The roasting always is begun on December 22 and continues throughout the day, while all the next day is taken in the gradual process of cooling.

After the Christmas Eve dinner comes the Christmas tree for the young royals, with games and a jolly good time all round. Just like any other family. Stockings are hung beside the mantel in the good old-fashioned way, and later on the Queen sometimes helps the princesses to fill them.

A FAMOUS DINNER.

On Christmas morning the entire family goes to the Palace chapel. After luncheon comes the inevitable drive, which the Queen takes daily, rain or shine, well or ill, and to which she gives credit for the fact that she is in as good condition at 81 as she was twenty years ago, and is likely to last for a good time longer.

The Christmas dinner comes Christmas night, and the baron of beef on the sideboard is flanked with a vast woodcock pie and a royal boar's head, which is the favorite Christmas present of Emperor William of Germany to his august grandmother. The Queen's plum pudding comes from Windsor, and is so mighty an affair that there is enough for every one of the descendants, all of whom are expected to get a piece, wherever they may be. The first section to be sent off by mail is usually that directed to the Queen's grand-son-in-law, the Czar of Russia.

The Queen herself gets scarcely a bite of all this rich fare, so careful is she of her health and of the advice of her physicians. She is becoming more and more of a vegetarian, although meat is not altogether denied to her, but the plainness of her food is made up by the pains which she insists shall be taken with the cooking of each dish. Some of her pet

Christmas dinner, and the family gets jokes and cuts loose to its heart's content. They say that the Queen is a capital hand at telling stories and that on such domestic occasions she is seen at her best. It has been remarked, too, that of late years she has become more approachable to the children. Some of the younger members of the second and third generation are on more familiar terms with her than the older ones of her own children ever were.

TRYSTE NOEL.

The Ox he openeth the Door
And from the Snow he calls her Inne,
And he hath seen her smile therefore,
Our Lady without Sinne,
Now come from slepce
A Starre shall leap,
And some arrive both King and Hindes;
Amen, Amen;
But oh, the place cold I but find!

The Ox hath hush his voice and bent
True eyes of Pitty are the mow,
And on his lovell neck, forspent,
The Blessed lays her Browe,
Around her feet
Paul Warne and Sweete
His browell Breath doth meekle dwell;
Amen, Amen;
But sore am I with Vaine Travel!

The Ox is best in Judas stall,
And Host of more than onle one,
For close she gathereth withall,
Our Lorde her Little Sonne,
Glad Hlade and King
Their Gyfte may bring
But we'd to-night my Teares were there,
Amen, Amen;
Between her Bosom and His hayrel!
—Louise Mogen Gulney.

"Was it a valuable watch you lost, madam?"
"Valuable! All five of my children cut their teeth on it."—Chicago Record.

Above all things don't become a drunkard; use whiskey moderately and use the best. Jesse Moore "AA" is the purest and best.

A Story of Christmas.

By N. deBertrand Lugin.

It was Christmas and we were dancing in the hall. Aunt Dorothy was dancing with uncle Harry. I can close my eyes and see it now. It was so pretty, with holly and mistletoe everywhere and Christmas candles to make it bright. We were in two rows down the long hall, everyone laughing and merry and the music was wonderfully glad and sweet. Aunt Dorothy is silver-haired and old now, but she is pretty still with the soft loveliness of long ago. She was young then, barely twenty, and Uncle Harry was four years older. Uncle Geoffrey, their father, had died three years before, and left the brother and sister quite alone, save for the little girl who had been an orphan since she was a year old. The little girl was I, and, having lived with them from infancy to womanhood, I know them both as perhaps no one else knows them. And it is because I think their love story one of the sweetest I ever heard, that I will tell it now.

Perhaps I should begin with Uncle Geoffrey, for he had really the greatest part in their story though he played it long after he was dead.

It was in the evening and he called us all three to him. Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Harry were upon either side of him and I leaned against his knee, for he was sitting up in his chair, stately, firm and tall until the very last.

"Dear children," he began, "I have a little story to tell you all, and then, before he could say anything more, something stopped him, and he could only look pitifully from one to the other of us, though his eyes dwelt longest upon Aunt Dorothy. Again he tried to speak, and Aunt Dorothy, unable to bear the sight of his suffering, sobbed aloud. So Uncle Harry drew her around to him and held her with his arm. After that Uncle Geoffrey did not try to talk any more. He looked at them, smiled faintly and died.

For three years we had very quiet Christmases, but the fourth holiday season we invited a houseful and made merry again as we had before Uncle died. I have never seen any one so merry as Aunt Dorothy was in those days. She was slender and graceful with soft brown hair, and softer grey eyes and the tenderest little mouth that was always speaking gentle things and that never laughed unkindly.

Harry was broad and dark and full of cheerfulness. He loved Auntie, and when I say that I say all, for he seemed to live for nothing else but simply to care for her and to be good and wise for her. I used to hear people chiding him about his devotion to his sister sometimes, but he would answer gravely: "I promised father." I don't really think the promise made the slightest difference, for he could not help loving Auntie if he tried, no one could.

On this Christmas night Alfred Miller, Sir Edward's son, asked Aunt Dorothy to marry him. When all the guests were gone and Uncle Harry and I were standing before the library fire, warming our hands which were not a bit cold, because we were all rumpled and hot from playing "Blind Man's Buff," Auntie came slowly into the room, her sweet face red as a rose, and her eyes downcast.

"Well, little girl," Uncle Harry said, "of what are you ashamed?" She came over to him quickly then, and put her arm in his, leaning her cheek against his shoulder. She has always had those eager childish ways, and has them yet, and that is one reason why we love her so.

"Do you mind, Harry," she asked in a low voice, "if I always stay with you?" "Why my dear?" he asked, and I could see a smile creep from his eyes and begin to spread all over his face.

"Because I think I would rather never marry," she replied slowly. After all I must take care of you and Alfred." Uncle Harry looked grave a minute and said: "Poor Alfred," but I knew even then, that though Mr. Miller was his best friend, he could not be really sorry that he was not going to marry Aunt Dorothy.

After that Alfred did not come to see us any more, and Uncle and Auntie and I had delightful times together. We used to take long walks out towards the hills, on Sunday afternoons, and we were so much together, and he was gay, that at night sometimes Aunt Dorothy would say to me:

"I wonder if it is wrong for us to be so merry Florence. I don't believe I could be so happy even in Heaven as I am here with you and Uncle Harry." By and bye the springtime came, the bayhorne trees were in bud and the mayflowers grew in the wet lands. It was just when the birds were singing their sweetest, and the world was full of promise and love, that Allan came. She was the Rector's sister, very tall and straight and bright-faced, with a voice like a nightingale's.

We heard her sing first at the rectory and then at home, Uncle Harry said: "Dorothy we must have her to the house. I never heard such music." So we asked her and she came and that was the beginning.

The spring grew into summer and the days were long and warm and still. One night I sat upstairs in my window, I could not sleep, and I saw Uncle Harry come in at the gate and up the driveway. Aunt Dorothy went down the steps to meet him and they came up the veranda together. A very little while later Aunt Dorothy entered my room.

As soon as she stepped into the moonlight I saw her face was pale and her eyes were bright, but when she spoke I knew her trouble was not mine to share and I did not question. "Florence, Florence, not in bed yet?" She smiled a little and stooped over to kiss me.

"No, it was warm, I couldn't rest," she said. "Uncle Harry has just come," she said, "good night dear, try and sleep now."

She went to the door, but turned and came back, her voice trembling but very bright. "It will give you something to dream about, Alice is going to marry Uncle Harry."

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whistling the refrain of some song that Alice had been singing.

He talked of her only whenever we saw him, and Aunt Dorothy and I, who loved her too, for she was very good with bright winning ways, made much of their engagement, and even planned for the wedding, though the day for it was quite indefinite as yet.

Then Uncle Harry began to change. Both Auntie and I noticed it though we said nothing to each other. He was quite as attentive to Alice as ever, and he still went to see her every day, when his office hours were over. But he did not stay so long, and he never whistled or sang any more. He would come home from the rectory before ten and light his cigar and pace the garden for hours before he went to bed.

One Sunday afternoon he came to Aunt Dorothy, she was reading in the hammock under the apple tree. We had both thought he was with Alice and Auntie started up.

"Dorothy," he said abruptly, pushing his hat back and speaking in a half embarrassed tone, "will you and Florence come for a walk to the hills?"

I saw Auntie's face gladden a moment, then turn suddenly grave.

"Where is Alice?" she asked gently. "Let me at least have one day to myself," he said impatiently, and he shook the hammock a little.

She got up quietly, took her hat from a chair, and we started off together. Uncle Harry did not talk much, and when we had gone a mile or so we stopped to rest. He lay on the grass at Auntie's feet with his hat tilted over his eyes. She had plucked a handful of grasses and was plaiting them together. The sun was like gold on the hills and the bay was piled in the fields around. It was so still. Even the river was hushed by the distance and lay like a silver ribbon in the valley below us.

I was watching Alice and Uncle Harry and I saw his eyes on Aunt Dorothy, never moving, simply looking, looking, as we look at the dead face of some one we loved that we shall cover away presently never to see again.

Suddenly she lifted her lids and saw him and she started and turned pale, shrinking back from him.

"Oh, why do you do that Harry?" she asked fearfully.

And he frightened us both by saying abruptly, "God knows." Then he turned over and put his face tight in the grass for a moment.

"Is something troubling you dear?" Auntie asked leaning over him, and her voice was tender and sweet.

"Hush," he said sharply, and he got up and left us without another word, as if he and I returned by ourselves just as the sun was setting.

Another month went by and we saw very little of Uncle Harry. He went up to London a great deal, once for a week at a time.

It was at night, it had been raining outside and though it was midsummer we had a fire in the study, and Auntie and I sat before it sewing. It was early, scarcely 9 o'clock, when we heard Uncle's step. He came in the room with his hat in his coat and walked straight up to Auntie who had risen.

"Dorothy I am going away," he said. "Why?" her lips were white as they framed the words.

"Alice and I have broken our engagement," he replied abruptly.

Auntie's gentle face grew stern and I knew that she thought what I was thinking—that he had wronged Alice and it was not she who had refused to marry him.

"How could you, how could you do it Harry?" she asked, her sweet face white and troubled. "I think she would rather have died than to have believed him capable of doing a wrong."

He answered nothing, but looked at her in that hopeless way that makes one think of the dead. Then he came to me and kissed me, but when he would have touched her she drew back.

"Dorothy," his voice broke.

"Not," she said, and he turned and went from us and from the house.

The next morning the Rector came to see us. He said Alice had gone to London and would sail for America the next week on a concert tour. Nobody seemed to understand about anything, only I think everybody blamed Uncle Harry.

We did not hear from him until he had reached Paris and later he wrote from Rome. He sent all his letters to me, though they were full of Aunt Dorothy, who since he had left had grown very quiet and pale, though she said little. I wished she would tell me more, for I knew his absence was breaking her heart. I never thought there could be a greater love than Uncle Harry's for Aunt Dorothy unless it was Auntie's love for him.

One day two letters came, mine was from him in answer to one had sent begging to come home again, if only for a little while. "I cannot come dear," he said at the last, "I never can come home any more. Write to me often, and love Aunt Dorothy. God bless you both, and God help me."

I did not show my letters to Auntie, but she let me read hers. It was from Alice Allan, and she wrote to say that the breaking of the engagement had been her wish and not Uncle Harry's fault, though there had been some reason that neither he nor she could have told us. "I am to marry," they manager in the spring," she added, "and am very very happy."

Aunt Dorothy wept with happiness when she read those words; but I knew that the joy in the thought that we might have Uncle back was far less than the joy of knowing he had done no wrong.

She wrote to him a long loving letter, begging forgiveness and trying to make up by the written words for all the tenderness that she had kept shut away from him while they had been apart from each other. They were both waited in an agony of impatience for his coming.

But he did not come and no reply to the letter came either, though the days went by and the weeks and soon a month was gone.

Every evening Auntie would say, "Put on a plate for the master, Jennie," (Continued on Sixteenth Page.)

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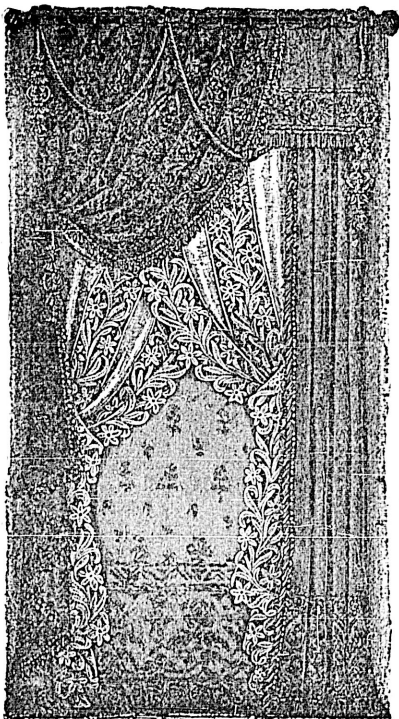
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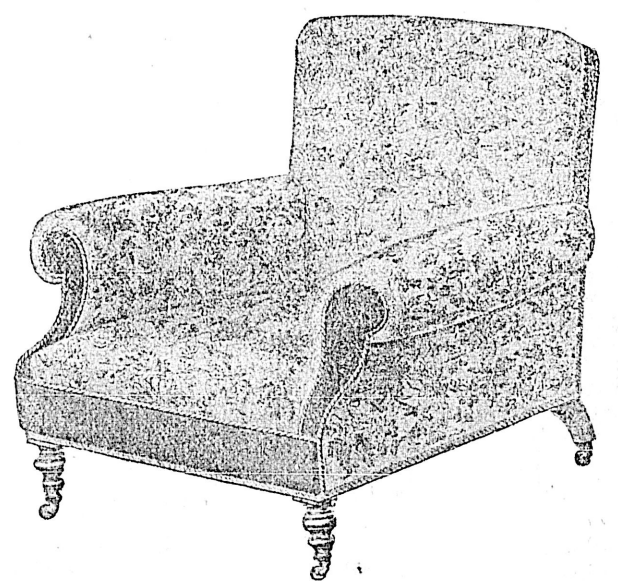
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